

Community Conversation Feedback from Focus Questions

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Having learned more about the nature of retaliatory crime in Burlington, what are your safety concerns?

- People breaking into homes
- Easy access to guns
- Scared to be outside
- Lack of PD response to drug complaints
- Neighborhoods involvement
- Access to guns
- Stigmatized kids
- Afraid at night
- No witness protection
- Random violence
- Road rage
- Easy access to drugs
- Innocent people getting hurt
- Lack of options for kids in the schools
- Reaction vs. prevention
- Curfew
- Influences on the youth
- Lack of communication
- Lack of family time

Pink Cards: What do you see as the primary cause of violent crime in Burlington?

- Lack of family values
- Lack of common sense
- Temptation
- Lack of respect
- Promote community policing and neighborhood watch
- More meetings
- Mentor without police
- No jobs for people with records
- Lack of supervision
- Want of connection to other human beings and find it in negative places
- Gambling
- Fighting about social media

- Gangs
- Drugs
- Police still doing the black people wrong
- The hate people have around this community
- Shooting
- Abusing drugs
- Gang affiliation
- Lack of communication
- Lack of family values
- A mobile unit in trouble areas manned or unmanned
- Family structure
- Positive male involvement
- DARE add talks, examples of successful people
- Gangs
- Drugs
- Ease of access to weapon
- What do you see as the primary abuses of violent crime in Burlington
- Drugs
- Gangs
- Weapons
- Road rage
- Alcohol
- Clubs
- Chaperone
- Supervised activities
- Loud parties
- Being aware of what the children be doing online
- Gang related movies
- Not enough parents getting involved
- Cook out parks
- Prom
- Drugs
- Gangs
- Illicit drugs
- Hanging out in public places in big groups
- Easy access to guns and drugs
- Keep negative media away from your kids
- Lack of parent guidance
- Peer pressure and bullying
- Lack of role models

- Lack of activities
- Lack of family involvement
- Expand horizon and exposure to what's outside of city
- Lack of economic options
- Drugs
- Gangs
- Domestic violence
- Unsupervised kids
- Gun violence
- Alcohol addiction
- Drugs/ Gang activity
- Lack of structure
- Easy access to weapons
- Drugs
- Gangs
- Lack of respect of human life
- No questioning of neighbors around reporting crimes
- Drugs
- Lack of parenting
- Lack of activity
- No respect
- Boredom
- Lack of family values
- Parents need to interact more in schools
- Social media influence
- Lack of common sense
- Peer pressure
- Lack of respect
- Lack of family involvement
- Lack of community involvement for fear of retaliation
- Being influenced by video games and TV
- Gang activity

Green Cards: What can the police do better to keep you and your family safe?

- Curfews
- Education on gangs and impact on yourself
- Increase patrol
- Community policing
- Check points
- Catch all the bad guys

- Make it open and publicize who know validated gang members are to the community
- Agencies working together to share information
- Educating/ training officers on issues
- Beat cops and permanent patrols will help
- Community involvement
- Personal interaction between police and citizens
- Make friend, first names increase familiarity to make communication safer
- Education to community from law enforcement to understand importance of needing witness/victim involvement to prosecute (evidence isn't enough)
- Monitor gang member activity
- How can the police keep witnesses feel safe to come forward
- Hire more officers
- More community policing
- Accountability
- Community forums/ Transparency
- Relationship building
- Community watches (consistent)
- Building relationships
- Visibility – not just marked patrol cars
- Partnerships with community events
- More police officers
- Involvement, interact with kids at a young age
- Do their job when people call to report a crime
- Show up
- Get to know the neighborhood citizens
- When they see a crime, don't just drive by
- Response time quicker
- More visibility
- Poor visibility
- Open dialogue and communication
- Cameras in the community
- DARE give example: students meet successful people who can communicate
- Have some officers watch/ check through social media
- Minority officers: increase women, black and Hispanic
- Develop activities in neighbors with youth. Teaching consequences for actions younger.
- On foot patrol
- Reestablish community watch revamped
- Don't tell your scheduled routes
- Ask when they want to follow up and how
- Hotline to give information without giving personal information

- More involved with community organizations
- More diversity within the department
- More police presence in the community to interact with the people
- Community watch neighbors go around and meet them
- Park at the end of the street have a contact person
- Police check to see if you are ok
- More street lights
- Have a class on how to protect yourself and your family
- We need more officers
- More minority officers
- Response in a timely manner
- More bicycle patrols in community
- More/Better street lights
- More cameras in neighborhood
- More programs to involve the youth
- Stay alert at all times
- More patrols
- Curfew
- Take down the big drug dealers
- Witness protection
- Picture and name of officer on beat
- Allowing individuals to surrender guns
- Partnering with local agencies (DSS, Faith-Based)

Yellow Cards: What can you do better to keep yourself and your family safe?

- Keep eyes open
- Report any suspicious activity and suspected crime
- Cooperate if witness/victim
- Talk to commissioners/ make recommendations to increase police protection and presence
- See something, say something
- Be aware in neighborhood
- Get to know your neighbors
- Neighborhood watches
- Secure homes and vehicles
- Interact with neighbors
- Neighbors make a plan to watch each other
- Keep lights on
- Have a dog
- Baseball bat
- Put rock in a sock and let them have it

- Pepper spray
- Stun gun
- Martial arts
- Stay fit
- Prayers
- Be more involved with our kids
- Lock doors
- Buy a gun
- Security system
- Communicate with your neighbors
- Watch who you hang around with
- Look at your surroundings and if it looks bad, call the cops
- Report crime and be willing to stand up for it
- Communicate with neighbors
- Keep our business off of Facebook
- Be careful of how you dispose of boxes (electronics)
- Reach our kids rules and let them know to be mindful of the company you keep
- Keep police involved and notify them to share possible information
- More community watches
- Don't talk to strangers
- Kids help more
- Leave things in the past
- Being concerned about kids
- More community watches
- Know the people around you
- Pop ups at schools
- Neighborhood watch
- Get to know your neighbors
- If you are a victim, cooperate with the police
- Enroll in Citizens Police Academy and learn more about police department
- Try to encourage young people to go the right way in life
- Say hello to officers
- Stand up for our community by getting involved
- Start a community watch program
- Communicate with police
- Participate in National Night Out
- Get out and meet neighbors
- Better lighting
- Get to know officers on your beat
- Reporting criminal activity

- Better education to learn consequences of actions
- More community watch
- Becoming more involved via community forums
- More clergy visibility/responsibility
- Educate yourself on things other than media
- Utilize citizens right to speak out
- Neighborhood watch
- Bigger involvement City-wide
- School involvement
- Educate kids of the long-term impact of their actions
- Report things you see
- Call police when there are problems
- Be with the community more diligently
- Start telling
- Start a movement in the community
- Communication
- Look out for each other
- Watch your surroundings
- Hang out with better friends
- Make smarter decisions
- Be a leader
- Use common sense
- Have a goal for ourselves
- Improve level of tolerance
- Be aware of surroundings
- Teach children respect
- Allow others to correct your children
- More community meetings
- More youth outreach
- More churches open to youth and adults

Orange Cards: What should community stakeholders do collaboratively to reduce gun violence in Burlington?

- ABSS: more options after school
- ABSS: metal detectors
- ABSS: should offer more tutoring and afterschool and summer programs
- ABSS: could be more welcoming to organizations
- ABSS: use DARE program
- ABSS: start NGA (no guns allowed)
- ABSS: Alternative solutions for conflict resolution

- ABSS: Training/teaching of conflict resolutions
- ABSS: Teach long-term impact of criminal actions
- ABSS: Don't give so many chances to problem kids
- ABSS: follow up with parents when they see a potential at-risk child if the problem continues without parental involvement then DSS needs to be called in
- ABSS: Invite police to teach courses related to crime prevention
- ABSS: Education about gun violence
- DSS: report crimes
- DSS: should start movements to target everyone coming together (public rally)
- DSS: Let young criminals have more attention
- DSS: could be more personable and create relationships with children by treating them like people and not numbers
- Churches: report, educate youth
- Churches: talk to people other than just preaching to them
- Churches: Have public events to get people involved in the church program to hear the word of God
- Churches: Pray, partnering more with other community entities, open up spaces for organization to use, create more activities that involve our youth
- Churches: Get more involved with the youth. Teach them about gun violence.
- Churches: need to canvas the neighborhood
- Court System: sticking with stiff penalties within the system as opposed to reductions or plea deals
- Court System: Longer sentences for gun violence crimes
- Court System: restorative justice programs
- Mental Health: some people have been through a lot
- Non-Profit: scholarships and private funding into children and youth programs
- Community: get out and meet the neighbors
- Community: get involved and call when something has been witnessed
- Community: Ban guns where the most violence happens (guns do not need to be around where
- Residents: work together, be more positive role models, more communication
- Parents: Get involved with your children
- kids can get them)
- Law Enforcement: educate about laws and safe storage of guns
- Educate on the seriousness of gun violence.
- If a child could actually see what a gun can do to a person
- Be more vocal that violence will not be tolerated